

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2008. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-13 are pending in the Application. Claims 10-13 are added by this amendment.

Applicant(s) thank(s) the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for priority and receipt of certified copies of all the priority document(s).

By means of the present amendment, the current Abstract has been deleted and substituted with the enclosed New Abstract which better conforms to U.S. practice.

By means of the present amendment, claims 1-9 are amended for non-statutory reasons, such as for better form including beginning the dependent claims with 'The' instead of 'A', changing characterized in that" to --wherein--. Such amendments to claims 1-9 are not made in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

In the Office Action, the drawings are objected to for

informalities. In response, reference numerals have been added to FIG. 4 as suggested by the Examiner. A replacement sheet including amended FIG. 4 is enclosed. Further, the specification is amended as suggested by the Examiner to include the reference numerals included in amended FIG. 4. Applicants respectfully request approval of the enclosed proposed drawing changes and withdrawal of the drawing objection.

The Examiner objected to the specification for certain informalities. In response, the specification has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite. Without agreeing with the Examiner, and in the interest of advancing prosecution, claims 2-4 are amended to remove the alleged informalities noted by the Examiner. It is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 2-4 have been overcome and an indication as such is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-6 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication

No. 2005/0126007 (Aviza). Moreover, claims 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Aviza in view of "Official Notice".

Aviza shows a razor assembly including an element 24 that adjusts in relation to a cutting plane (P) formed by leading edges (LB1, LB2, LB3) of the blades 18 (see, FIG. 2).

It is respectfully submitted that the apparatus of claim 1 is not anticipated or made obvious by the teachings of Aviza. For example, Aviza does not disclose or suggest, an apparatus that amongst other patentable elements, comprises (illustrative emphasis added) "a cutting edge of each blade and said surfaces of said two guiding members are positioned substantially in one plane, and the apparatus having a grip portion connected to said blade assembly, wherein at least one of the two guiding members is an adjustable guiding member that is adjustable in a direction perpendicular to said plane and wherein the adjustable guiding member is adjustable to a lowermost position where the surface of the adjustable guiding member is in said plane" as recited in claim 1, and as similarly recited in claim 9.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1 and 9 are patentable over Aviza and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Claims 2-8, 10-12

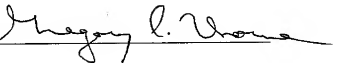
respectively depend from one of claims 1 and 9 and accordingly are allowable for at least this reason as well as for the separately patentable elements contained in each of the claims. Accordingly, separate consideration of each of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

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Applicants have made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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